

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 10/803,905
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph spanning line 29 of page 16 to line 6 of page 17 with the following amended paragraph:

When the microcomputer 30 makes a decision at ~~step ST12~~step ST11 that both the ignition switch SW1 and lighting switch SW2 are conducting, processing is performed of starting lighting in the normal light mode (step ST14). In other words, the microcomputer 30 in the control circuit 14 supplies the third power P3 (75 W, for example) to the discharge lamp 20. Thus, the discharge lamp 20 starts lighting with increasing the luminance sharply.